

REMARKS

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group XXV presented in claims 1-5, 9, 11-15 and 25 which are drawn to a method of preventing or treating male erectile dysfunction or female sexual arousal disorder by administering bFGF protein. Claims 2-3, 6-8, 10, 16-20 and 22 have been canceled as directed to non-elected inventions. The remaining claims, claims 1-5, 9, 11-15 and 21, have been amended to conform to this election. New claims 23, 25 and 27 are supported, for example, in paragraph 74 of the specification on page 20, which indicates that various combinations of VEGF and BDNF can be administered with bFGF. Support for new claims 24, 26 and 28 is found in claim 21 as originally filed, which depends from claim 1 listing all three proteins. No new matter has been added and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Examination on the merits is now requested.

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